

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

18 November 2009

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date at the RI Department of Health, Conference Room 306, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board members in attendance were: Board members not in attendance were:

Andrew Molak, DMD, Chairman Joseph Box, DDS

Henry Levin, DMD, Vice-Chairman Mary Lou Buonaccorsi

Susan Perlini, RDH, Secretary John Smith

Bernard Manchester Robert Bartro, DMD

Craig VanDongen, DDS

Christine Benoit, DMD

Maureen Ross, RDH

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Dr. Francis Connor, President, RIDA

Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel Ms. Mary Ellen Simas, President, RIDHA

Dr. Molak advised that the minutes of the 14 October 2009 meeting

should be amended to reflect Dr. Benoit as seconding the motion to approve the minutes of the 16 September 2009 meeting. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the “Open Minutes” of the 14 October 2009 meeting as amended Upon motion of Dr. Levin,, seconded by Ms. Ross, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

The Administrator advised there have been not dental licensees issued since the last meeting.

Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Susan Perlini reported that following candidates had been issued dental hygiene licenses and or permits to administer local anesthesia:

Dental Hygiene Licenses issued

Linda Hardgrove 1971 Licensed in NY & CT

Barbara Dione 1993 Licensed in MA

Ashley Souza 2009 NERB

Cecilia Crowley 2002 SRTA

Dental Hygiene Licenses w/ anesthesia permits issued

Bernadette Marcel 2009 NERB

Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. Benoit, the Board

approved the licensure of the aforementioned individuals.

At this time, Dr. Molak called for a motion to adjourn the “Open Session” and enter into “Closed Executive Session” for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the

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“Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Dr. VanDongen, seconded by Ms. Perlini, the Board entered into closed session at 8:40 a.m.

Dr. Connor recused himself from the meeting at this time.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:00 am. Dr. Connor returned to the open meeting at this time.

Ms. Mary Ellen Simas, President, RIDHA, joined the meeting at this time.

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

DEN 16-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.
DEN 35-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.
DEN 41-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.
DEN 42-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.
DEN 43-09 Closed with a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct.

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 14 October 2009 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. VanDongen, seconded by Dr. Levin, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 14 October 2009.

At this time, Dr. Benoit addressed the Board with her Committee’s report regarding other State Dental Boards’ CPR requirements. She advised that the majority of States mandate CPR certification for licensure and after reviewing the data, it was the recommendation of the Committee that cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) be mandated in Rhode Island for dentists and dental hygienists:

After discussion, the Chairman called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee to mandate CPR certification for all practicing dentists and dental hygienists. Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Dr. VanDongen, the Board Voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Committee. Dr. Benoit presented the following proposed language to be added to the Rules and

Regulations

All dentists practicing in a dental setting shall complete a cardiopulmonary resuscitation course (CPR) at the healthcare provider level certified/approved by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association or other approved course prior to the 1 July 2012 biennial renewal and shall maintain certification henceforth.

All dental hygienists practicing in a dental setting shall complete a cardiopulmonary resuscitation course (CPR) at the healthcare provider level certified/approved by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association or other approved course prior to the 1 July 2012 biennial renewal and shall maintain certification henceforth.

The Board discussed the availability of online CPR courses and whether such courses would be acceptable. The Chairman called for a vote regarding the acceptance of “online CPR courses. Upon motion of Dr. VanDongen, seconded by Mr. Manchester, the Board voted at follows: those in favor of accepting online courses: Dr. Benoit, Maureen Ross, those against Dr. Levin, Dr. VanDongen, Ms. Perlini, Dr. Molak, Mr. Manchester. The motion failed to carry. Additional language will be added to the proposed rules and regulations specifically addressing the non-acceptance of online courses.

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At this time, Dr. Francis Connor, President of the RIDA, addressed the Board with concern regarding “teeth whitening” services being provided by non-dentists. The Chairman advised him that the Board is in the process of amending its Rules and Regulations and adding language that will address this issue. He was further advised that the Dental Association and all interested parties will be notified when the public hearing is scheduled and given an opportunity to speak.

Dr. Connor also advised the Board that he had learned that dentists are being excluded from administering the H1N1 vaccine. Mrs. Giuliano advised that she had received an e-mail regarding this and had forwarded it to Dr. Robert Crausman for response.

The Administrator advised that Mrs. Kathleen Gazzola, Chair of the Dental Health Department at CCRI has extended an invitation to all Board members to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony of the newly renovated dental laboratory at the Lincoln Campus.

Legal Counsel advised that the Administrative Hearing scheduled for today has been cancelled, as he is in communication with the attorney who has indicated that his client is willing to voluntarily

enter into an agreement with the Board whereby his license will be suspended. Mr. Madoian will present the outcome of his communications at the next Board meeting. If the parties cannot come to an agreement, Legal Counsel will go forward with the Administrative Hearing. The following members have been appointed to serve on the Hearing Committee: Dr. Box, Mr. Manchester, Dr. Benoit and Susan Perlini.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 16 December 2009 in the Beck Conference Room.

Upon motion of Dr. Benoit, seconded by Dr. Levin, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Molak, DMD, Chairman

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